

# AMERICANS IN SHIPS SUNK IN WAR ZONES BY U-CRAFT BLOWS

At Least Twenty-five On Japanese Prince According To British Shipping List—Fate Is As Yet Unknown Of Any of the Crew

## MORE AMERICANS ARE SIGNING ON

Submarine Campaign of Ruthlessness Is Not Doing the Damage Expected—British To Convey Merchantmen Hereafter

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, February 11.—A British steamer on which are thought to have been at least twenty-five Americans, muleteers, was sunk yesterday and the fate of these Americans, if they were actually aboard the ship at the time, is as yet unknown.

Another steamer, with Americans in her crew, was sunk six days ago, this becoming known yesterday when one of her small boats, containing three Englishmen and one American, a negro, was picked up.

Yesterday's toll of shipping sunk by submarine or mine aggregates 22,271 tons. The known list includes eight ships, five British and three Norwegian. These are:

## YESTERDAY'S VICTIMS

British steamer Dauntless, 1361 tons.

British steamer Japanese Prince, 3079 tons, between Plymouth and Newport News.

British steamer Lullington, 1821 tons.

British steamer Mantola, 5131 tons, from London for Calcutta.

British steamer Beachtree, unlisted.

Norwegian steamer Solbakken, unlisted.

Norwegian steamer Ellavore, 1710 tons, from the Tyne for Barcelona.

Norwegian steamer Havgard, 757 tons, Newport for Cardiff.

## AMERICANS ENDANGERED

The Dauntless was sunk six days ago. Yesterday one of her boats with three Englishmen and one American was picked up. The men had been five days without food or water and were in a desperate condition. Some of them may die from the hardships undergone. Others of the Dauntless crew are still missing.

The Japanese Prince, according to the British consul at Newport News, carried twenty-five American muleteers. The information from London does not state whether the Japanese Prince was sunk before she made her British port from Newport News or at a time when she was returning to the United States. If the latter, it is unlikely that the Americans were aboard, as the practice is to send the men shipped as muleteers back as passengers aboard a regular liner. The Japanese Prince took a cargo of steel billets and grain.

## CAMPAIGN A FAILURE

A compilation made by Lloyds shows that so far during the first ten days of February, under the announced unrestricted submarine policy of Germany, there has been a total of eighty-nine vessels destroyed, more than forty per cent of the total having been shipping under various neutral flags.

During the same period, the number of steamers and ocean-going sailing crafts entering and clearing from British ports has been more than twelve hundred.

# TIME FIGHTS FOR ENGLAND AND AGAINST GERMANY, SAYS LEADER IN INTERVIEW WITH BERLIN PAPER

EVERY DAY MUST BRING ITS BLOW AGAINST BRITISH IN ORDER THAT PEACE WILL COME BEFORE FALL, ANNOUNCES BETHMANN-HOLLWEG

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

PARIS, February 11.—A recent copy of the Kreuz Zeitung of Berlin which has reached this capital contains an interview with the German imperial chancellor, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, in which the German leader defends the announced policy of ruthlessness in the use of the German submarine and argues that all haste be made in the effort to cut off the overseas trade of Great Britain and force the British to enter into peace negotiations.

"Every day that is badly employed by us is a day lost to Germany and gained by England," he says in his interview.

"If Germany hastens every action and allows no day to pass by without some real blow at England, the next four or five months should suffice to bring the war to a victorious end," he declares.

The German press, also according to the Kreuz Zeitung is expressing the opinion that a vigorous submarine campaign of seven weeks will be sufficient to so alarm all ship owners in neutral countries and so deplete the Entente shipping that the British will be brought to their knees, starving.

In the eyes of the officials here, the German policy of ruthlessness has not been a success so far, the proportion of vessels intercepted and sunk being less than had been feared. Either the vaunted German fleet of three hundred and more undersea fighters is in reality a much smaller fleet, or the British have adopted measures which prevent the Germans from exercising their full strength. It is taken for granted that the British have planned long since a counter offensive against the submarines. Just what have been the German casualties can only be guessed at, the British giving out absolutely no information.

## AMERICANS UNAFRAID

The German policy is not preventing the sailing regularly of many Entente steamers from American ports, nor are American seamen and muleteers evincing any disposition to shrink from taking the risks of the transatlantic passage. Yesterday, at Newport News, the British steamer Lexington, due to sail today, signed on seventy American muleteers and could have secured as many more had they been needed.

The British steamer St. Michaels, which sailed from New York yesterday for London, had four Americans aboard.

## CONVOYS PROVIDED

The British admiralty, which is reported to have ordered cruisers to meet a fleet of twenty Entente munition ships now assembled at a rendezvous off the Virginia Capes, in American waters, to convoy the merchant fleet across the sea, is also reported to have arranged for a general system of convoying the important ships.

Officials here entertain no great degree of gratification over the fact that as yet no American ship has been attacked and sunk. The sole reason why this has not been already accomplished, the officials generally agree, is not that the German submarines will not attack such ships but because as yet no one of the few American bottoms in the British and French service have happened to come within striking distance of the U-crafts.

Word that a ship flying the American flag has been attacked and sunk is feared at any time, following which, it is confidently believed, there will be open hostilities with Germany.

## AUSTRIA PLEASED AT PRESIDENT'S CALMNESS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) VIENNA, February 11.—In government circles here, the fact that President Wilson has taken no step to sever relations with Austria-Hungary is regarded as a most favorable sign that there will be no war between the United States and Austria's ally Germany. The deliberation of the American President is taken as an omen that there will be no rupture with this country. A hopeful opinion to that effect is expressed at the American embassy here.

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# GERARD ARRANGES SAILING FROM SPAIN

Kaiser's Private Secretary Escorts Him To Swiss Line and All Is Lovely

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

MADRID, February 11.—Ambassador Gerard, recalled from Berlin by the United States, has cabled here to have passage to New York engaged for him and his party on the liner Alfonso XIII, sailing from this port on the twenty-first, or by the Infanta Isabel, due to sail for the United States on the twenty-fifth.

From London comes a report that whatever obstacles may have been placed in the way of the departure of the American ambassador by the German government have been removed, while a despatch from The Hague states that the German Kaiser has sent his private secretary to accompany Mr. Gerard to the borders of Switzerland, thus ensuring no unpleasant incidents on the journey from Berlin to the Swiss line.

## WASHINGTON DOUBTS NEWS

WASHINGTON, February 10.—Ambassador Gerard, who has been detained in Berlin by the German government, it is reported, will leave the German capital at seven this evening for Zurich, Switzerland, according to a despatch to the Swiss legation here.

A statement attributed to the German secretary of foreign affairs that the American officials in Germany would be detained as hostages for the safe conduct of von Bernstorff, his aides and men of the German ships interned in the United States is not given much credence apparently at the State Department. Secretary Lansing said today that he holds the situation thus suggested to be improbable, doubting the authenticity of the statement.

Arrangements have been completed for the departure next Wednesday of Ambassador von Bernstorff and his staff. They will sail on the liner Frederick VIII for Christiania. Not all the consuls of Germany in the United States will accompany them, as a number have been ordered to proceed to Central and South America.

## UNIVERSAL SERVICE BILL IS FAVORED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) WASHINGTON, February 10.—A bill calling for universal military training in the United States was favorably reported to the senate today by the senate committee on military affairs.

It provides that all male citizens and unduly six months' training during the year in which they reach the age of nineteen. All such are held in the Army and Navy reserves until they are twenty-eight.

## WILL SEARCH FOR MR. HIGH COST OF LIVING

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) WASHINGTON, February 10.—The federal trade commission announced today that at the direction of President Wilson it is undertaking immediately an investigation of the high cost of food in the United States with special reference to alleged violations of the anti-trust laws. The secretary of agriculture is assisting in the probe. It is alleged that manipulations for the control and conspiracies in the distribution of foods are to be investigated particularly.

## BLEEDING EUROPE HAS QUIET DAY AT LAST

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) NEW YORK, February 11.—Beyond a few raids carried on against the German trenches in France and some artillery actions, everything was quiet along all the European battlefields yesterday.

## NO TIME FOR PEACE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) LONDON, February 10.—The Henry Ford peace bureau, which has been operating on a permanent basis at the Hague, is to be closed March 1 because of the severance of German-American relations, says a Reuter's despatch from The Hague.

## SWISS NEUTRAL

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) WASHINGTON, February 11.—The Swiss reply to American suggestion that all neutrals take action against Germany similar to that taken by the United States, has been received here. Switzerland, says the reply, has agreed to protest against any action of Germany, but has decided to retain her strict neutrality.

## SOME FLEET EMPLOYED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) BERLIN, February 10.—Enormous amounts of supplies, captured in Rumania, are being transported to Germany and Austria-Hungary, says an Overseas News Agency despatch. More than 400 steamships and 2700 tugs are carrying corn, wood and leather, as well as other materials, up the Danube.

## CUBAN PLOT REPORTED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) HAVANA, Cuba, February 10.—Antonio Hevia, secretary of the interior for Cuba, notified civil and military authorities this morning that he had received advice of a plot against the government. It is reported that several army officers have been arrested.

# VILLA WARNS ALL FOREIGNERS AWAY

Ready To Carry Fire and Sword Through Northern Mexico Say His Posters

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

CHICAGO, February 11.—Pancho Villa is preparing to strike some heavy blows against the Carranzistas in Northern Mexico, according to his own announcements, and he has formally warned all foreigners to leave that section of the Mexican Republic or be prepared to accept the consequences of active and widespread warfare.

Yesterday posters appeared throughout this city warning foreigners of the dangers they would run of remaining within the sphere of the war he now intends to launch. All passengers were likewise warned not to travel on the railroads between this city and Chihuahua, as none of the lines would be safe.

Villa is reported to have recruited the largest army he has had for more than a year and is said to have plenty of ammunition and supplies.

## PERU NOTIFIES THE GERMANS SHE IS READY FOR ACTION

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) LIMA, Peru, February 11.—The Peruvian government has sent its reply to the German notification of unrestricted submarine warfare. Peru, says the reply, will reserve to itself full liberty of action for the future and will take such steps as may be deemed necessary for the protection of its citizens and ships and for the protection of all other neutrals entitled to the benefits of international law.

## FLETCHER OFF FOR MEXICO

WASHINGTON, February 11.—Minister Fletcher, named as the American representative at the City of Mexico, left for his new post yesterday.

## MORE ADVOCATES OF A POSTCARD WAR

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) WASHINGTON, February 11.—Representatives Sherwood of Ohio, Bailey of Pennsylvania and Buchanan of Illinois all introduced resolutions into the house yesterday to the effect that no declarations of war would be made by congress until the voters should approve of the opening of hostilities at a referendum.

## NO WAR SCARE IS LEFT IN HONOLULU

Visitors Show No Desire To Get Away and Others Coming

According to the management of the leading hotels of the city there is no war scare among the tourists now in Honolulu. Manager V. Moran, of the Moana, reports that he has received in the past two or three days several cablegrams for room reservations. He cannot point to a single instance where any of his guests have cancelled sailing accommodations.

It was the opinion of C. H. Isaacson, manager of the Seaside Hotel, that in the case of hostilities the Hawaiian Islands would be just as safe a place to be as any place in the United States. He says that this is the general feeling of his guests.

From the outlook at present the Mid-Pacific Carnival will attract a record number of tourists to Honolulu. The hotels will be taxed to the limit but it is thought by local hotel men that everybody will be satisfactorily accommodated.

Advices recently received from the steamship companies in San Francisco state that the boats to arrive here the week before the carnival will carry a full list of passengers.

The apprehension felt by some of the tourists on the mainland at the time United States severed relations with Germany has now been forgotten and there is an easy feeling among visitors in Honolulu at this time.

## CUSTOMS EFFICIENCY PLEASES JAPANESE

Oriental merchants of the city press themselves as greatly pleased with the despatch with which the work of the customs house is being treated by the customs house. Notwithstanding that the Japanese had been working double shifts in the rush of work occasioned by the their work in connection with the going of the steamers Nippon Maru and Shinryo Maru as expeditious as if nothing unusual had happened, with the result that almost no cargo brought by those two steamers entered the hands of importers yesterday.

# Japanese Admiral Shot Down By His Own Adjutant

Hero of Tsingtao Naval Fight Is Killed By Adjutant He Had Retired

(Special Cablegram to Nippon Jiji)

TOKIO, February 11.—For the first time in the history of Japan a high naval officer was killed yesterday by an officer under his command.

Vice-Admiral Gensiro Yamashita, commander-in-chief of the Sasebo Naval Station, who is well known throughout Japan, having been one of the heroes of the Russo Japanese war and who distinguished himself at Tsingtao, was shot to death by Lieutenant Shiro Tanji, retired.

The murderer was arrested immediately at the naval station. Tanji was one of the adjutants of the admiral until he was placed on the retired list.

## GERMAN REFUGEES ARE MASTERLESS

Everybody Disowns Responsibility For Ships—Board of Health Cleans Up

After receiving a letter from H. Haeckel & Co. yesterday reiterating the statements made by that company to the harbor commission regarding the German refugee ships, the board of health yesterday morning commenced to clean them up itself. The agents, as they are still called in official circles, notified the board that the ships had been removed from their jurisdiction and that they were no longer responsible for them. This is on the basis that the federal officials have taken control of the ships.

The federal officials deny that they have taken over the ships. It is understood that the harbor master's office will, at the end of the month, send Haeckel & Company a bill for harbor dues for the steamers Pommeria and Sotom, which occupy berths at territorial wharves. Their combined tonnage, under the new ruling of the board of harbor commissioners, will approximate forty-two hundred dollars a month, and if Haeckel's refuses to pay it, as appears to be possible, the two vessels will undoubtedly be eventually seized by the territorial authorities in order to collect the debt.

This possibility of the ships being taken over by the authorities in the course of a routine not connected with international relations is looked upon on the waterfront as an interesting development.

As the board of health commenced work yesterday morning under the nuisance act to clean up the vessels, this department will also shortly have a bill against them, as under this statute the cost of abating a nuisance is charged against the owners or agents.

A force of inspectors was put aboard the German yesterday morning and the sanitary conditions attacked at once. The job was too big to hope for completion in one day, while awaiting their turn are all the other seven vessels of the refugee fleet, against whom the board has filed notice.

Chief Sanitary Inspector Charlack has general supervision of the work, while Sanitary Engineer S. W. Taylor, Food Commissioner A. W. Hansen and his assistant, Prof. M. B. Bauros, also made thorough inspections from the viewpoints of their several departments.

## CRAZED, WITH A KNIFE

D. Oaki was arrested last night as a supposedly insane person. He is alleged to have got out of bed at midnight on Friday, grabbed a knife and attempted to kill his son, M. Oaki. The brother-in-law of the crazy man grappled with him and took the knife away from him.

The affair occurred in the Japanese camp on King Street opposite the government nursery.

## MRS. W. H. HUSMAN

HILLO, February 7.—Mrs. W. H. Husman, wife of W. H. Husman, general passenger agent of the Hawaii Consolidated Railway Company, passed away last evening at five minutes after eight o'clock.

Mrs. Husman, reports the Hilo Post, has been ill for several months, much of which time was spent on the coast in a futile attempt to better her condition. She returned to Hilo a few weeks ago, since which time she weakened rapidly, finally passing away.

The deceased leaves one daughter, Mrs. J. F. Yeaman, besides the husband.

## CHARLES FREDERICK HERRICK

Relatives received news here yesterday of the death on February 7 in Stockton, California, of Charles Frederick Herrick, a native of this city and well known in Honolulu, from whom he went to the coast about three years ago. Surviving the deceased are another, Mrs. W. E. Herrick, of San Francisco, and the following sisters and brothers: Mrs. Phoebe McLean, Mrs. Anna Allen, W. E. Herrick and Miss Emma Herrick of San Francisco, and Mrs. H. B. Brown, Henry H. Herrick and James P. Herrick of Honolulu.

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# LANSING SAYS HOPE FOR PEACE HAS NOT AS YET ALL DISSIPATED

President Is Handling the Black Crisis With Same Patient Care and Deliberation Given To Former International Troubles

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)

WASHINGTON, February 11.—Beyond an expression of opinion at the state department that the United States is unlikely to enter into any further parley with Germany over the submarine question and the anxious scanning of the marine reports of disasters in the war zone, the administration marked time yesterday in the controversy with Germany.

Secretary Lansing addressed the Amherst alumni last night, his address dealing altogether with the international situation, which he declared most grave but not as yet hopeless.

"Although the United States is undeniably near the verge of war," he said, "I have always been able to retain the hope that this country is to be spared the calamity of being forced to take a part in the general conflict which has rent the civilization of the world. Our endeavor shall be to keep the United States at peace with all the world, if we are allowed to keep the peace with honor."

## SAME PATIENT CARE

"The present demands from all of us coolness and self-restraint. The President is meeting the present black difficulty with the same care and patient forbearance and deliberation as he has met the previous crises in our foreign relations."

"He should be trusted by the nation to meet this grave crisis and to act justly, fearlessly and honorably. The destiny of the United States and the national honor are secure in his hands."

## Would Talk a Bit

The one outstanding feature of yesterday's developments was the apparently authentic report that Germany, acting through the Swiss ambassador here, will present to the United States a suggestion that the two nations enter into a discussion of ways and means whereby actual war between them may be prevented. The suggestion, if it be on the way, had not reached the state department by yesterday evening. Without commenting directly on a note not yet received it was estimated broadly at the state department that the United States would hardly care to enter into any discussion so long as ships were being sunk recklessly and in violation of solemn pledges.

Greatly Desires Peace. It is understood that in suggesting the exchange of views on a method of averting actual war, Germany has made it clear that although diplomatic relations are broken, she greatly desires that peace be maintained.

The preliminary outlines of the communication in which Germany voices these views do not indicate that it carries the suggestion that Germany will modify her submarine warfare.

The communication, it is said on good authority in official circles this afternoon, clearly invites the United States to make suggestions regarding steps which the United States thinks might prevent war.

The information here is to the effect that while Germany is proceeding with arrangements for unrestricted submarine warfare, it is certain her diplomats in various parts of the world have been informed that while "military necessity" prevents granting a period in which neutral nations may adjust their maritime affairs, care will be exercised to see that no neutral ships will be subjected to torpedoing without warning.

## WANTS MORE THAN TALK FROM GOVERNMENT

(Associated Press by Commercial Cable.) NEW YORK, February 10.—The International Mercantile Marine Company announced today that it will not send any vessels across the Atlantic unless the United States furnishes a convoy of guns and gunners.

Information in respect to the clearing of ships is withheld at the custom house, this being done on orders from Washington.